

Appl. No. 10/707,505  
Response Dated January 27, 2006  
Reply to Office Action Dated December 29, 2005

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-34 remain in this application.

**Election/Restrictions**

The Examiner indicated that the claims are directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I – Coring bit with petal retention member (figs. 4-7)

Species II – Coring bit with piston member retention mechanism (figs. 8a-8c); and

Species III – Coring bit with fluid filled cavity and check valve retention mechanism (fig. 9).

In response to the restriction requirement set forth by the Examiner, Applicant elects (with traverse) Species I above.

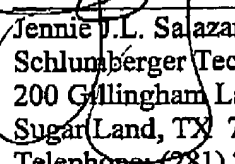
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, for which the one-month date for response is January 30, 2006 (January 29, 2006 is a Sunday). Please apply any charges not covered or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 19.0372).

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